

REMARKS

Applicants are filing this amendment concurrently with the United States National Phase filing based on PCT Application No. PCT/JP2003/011127. Claim 1 has been amended herein solely to conform the pending claims to United States Patent Practice. Support for the amendment is found, for example, at page 27, line 28 through page 29, line 17, page 33, lines 22-28, and page 34 line 18. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding this amendment and/or these remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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